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FOR THE SECRETARY ONLY FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
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SUBJ: YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR ASAD

1. AFTER HEARING OUR MATERIAL ON SOVIET ROLE IN LEBANON
AUGUST 3 (DAMASCUS 5147), KHADDAM ASKED IF I HAD ANY OTHER
INFORMATION TO CONVEY. SAID I HAD RETURNED WITH
VERBAL MESSAGE FROM YOU FOR ASAD AND NEEDED ONLY A BRIEF
INTERVIEW. (HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED PRESIDENCY I HAD SUCH
MESSAGE FOR ASAD.) KHADDAM REPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD CHARGED
HIM TO RECEIVE ANY PERSONAL MESSAGES I MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT.
NOTED ASAD WAS CURRENTLY VACATIONING IN LATTAKIA AREA. I SAID
THAT THIS MESSAGE WAS FOR PRESIDENT'S EARS ALONE AND I WOULD
WAIT UNTIL HE COULD RECEIVE ME.

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2. KHADDAM CALLED ME BACK MORNING AUGUST 4 TO SAY THAT

THE PRESIDENT WOULD RECEIVE ME IN LATTAKIA IF I FELT THAT
MESSAGE WAS URGENT. TO MY QUESTION HOW LONG THE PRESIDENT EXPECTED
TO BE AWAY, KHADDAM SAID AT LEAST A WEEK AND PERHAPS LONGER.
I SAID IN THAT CASE I SHOULD GO TO LATTAKIA. KHADDAM SAID
HE WOULD MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. (PRESIDENCY HAS
JUST ADVISED MEETING WILL BE EITHER SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.)
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